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Editor's Note

Et voilà, une autre semaine, un nouveau Quid, différents articles et tout plein de belles photos. Quelle joie!

Je vous souhaite un rassasiement à la lecture de ce tourbillon d'activités, de pensées, de quêtes, de bonne humeur et de moins bonne humeur, de festolement en direct (p.13), bref, tout ce qui constitue ce bon vieil esprit de vie estudiantine qui anime notre faculté.

Au sujet de l'article en exclusivité cette semaine (comme la semaine dernière et encore des semaines à venir d'ailleurs): l'auteur, qui préfère rester sous l'anonymat, ne fait apparemment pas référence à qui que ce soit en particulier. Donc, ne pas se sentir visé. Par contre, je me permettrais de demander à l'auteur si les élèves de la faculté n'auraient pas parfois, à son avis, d'autres pensées que celles qu'ils semblent avoir eues jusqu'à présent. Réponse au prochain numéro?

Je ne vous cacherai pas que j'aime beaucoup écrire. Mais, même un éditorial a une limite et je pense que j'ai déjà largement excédé mon quota cette semaine...

Avant de déposer la plume (ou le clavier-), j'aimerais remercier Marta qui saura toujours me faire sourire et aussi... souhaiter un très joyeux zanniversaire à Caro, Fabien et tous les zamis qui souffleront des bougies cette semaine!

Rosalie-Anne

Elections

Candidates for Faculty Councillor



Iris Bar-Haim

Hi. My name is Iris, and I'm a second year student. The reason I want to be a Faculty Councillor stems largely from an experience I had this past summer. I spent a large chunk of my time working as a research assistant, and part of my research centred on law grading and ranking systems and their effects on students. It was then that I realized what a huge impact these systems had on our daily lives, stress levels, and the competitiveness of the environment in our

faculty. As such, I have many ideas for adjustments and improvements, and would love to have the opportunity to advance this agenda via a councillor's spot on the Working Group on Grading and Ranking System, as well as to represent you in other ways. As a Faculty Councillor, I would hope to pursue my platform as well as be open to your ideas, improvements, and personal agendas.



Julia Carbone

Do you think that each student should have a voice in Faculty decision-making? I do, and by voting for me, you will be giving yourself a seat on Council. I will ensure that your voice is heard and that you are just as informed about faculty decisions as I. Am I confident that I can make this happen? Yes. I have experience, I am dedicated and I am very determined. I have spent the last three years as an undergraduate student studying Philosophy and Italian

while serving on several Faculty committees, acting as president of a Student Association and sitting on a Departmental Curriculum Committee. I now how McGill works, I know how to negotiate, and I have a great deal of experience working as a liaison between students and faculty. I am extremely dedicated and most importantly, I do not like 'no' for an answer and promise to stand



Matthew Keen

Hi! I'm Matthew Keen, and am running to be a Faculty Councillor. Mes motivations sont simples : m'impliquer dans la faculté, et servir en tant que porte-parole des intérêts étudiants. This has two facets: communicating to the student body discussions and measures taken by the faculty council, as well as bringing to the table a comprehensive understanding of student concerns and perspectives. I expect it to be a learning experience, and promise to share that on an on-going basis. Je suis en

première année, diplômé de l'université d'Ottawa avec un bac en génie chimique, et vient de la région de Calgary. By way of relevant experience, last year I was VP Communications of the Ottawa debating society, requiring interaction with faculty, student government, and especially the club membership. I believe I have the enthusiasm and skills to be a competent and articulate representative, and would appreciate your vote. Merci!



Nevena Lalic

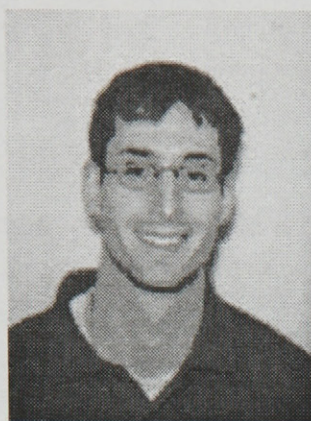
Hello there!
Salut!

So you're thinking, "Why should I vote for her? Her picture's nothing special, I haven't met her, and she hasn't paid me... Although I did get some pretty good chocolates..."

Eh bien, tout ce que je peux honnêtement vous promettre, c'est que je ferai de mon mieux pour que la voix étudiante se fasse entendre lors des

prises de décisions par l'administration de la faculté. I'm a very organized, energetic, and open-minded person, and I would really like to have this opportunity to defend the students' interests. I promise that I'll do my best. And I really hope that you'll give me a chance to.

Enjoy the rest of your day! :)
Bonne journée! :)



Regan Morris

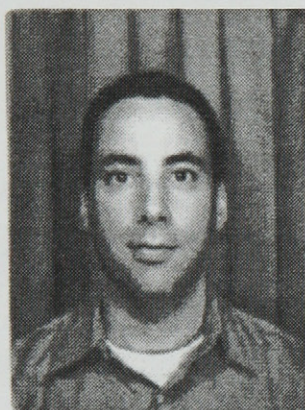
There is no doubt that retirements, secondments and insufficient funding are having a serious impact on the Faculty. Combine these with the University of Toronto's planned tuition hikes, and we are facing some tough issues. In the coming months we will have to both hire more professors and resist the sirens of privatization.

Je veux être conseiller pour faire face à ces grands problèmes, et pour amener des changements pour le mieux. D'une part, je voudrai améliorer la qualité et l

a diversité de nos cours. C'est sûr, par exemple, que le nombre de cours offert en français faut être augmenté.

Our school must also be less rigid: timetables for seminars should not be not set in stone, students going on exchange or graduating in a year should not have to face immutable course caps, and summer exchanges should be open to first-years.

Those are a few of the things I would like to change. J'ai hâte aussi d'entendre de vous.



Robert Notkin

I'm running for Faculty Councilor to represent students on the Faculty Council. Articulate, hard working, decisive and responsible, I bring a wealth of experience from working abroad (Japan and USA) and producing corporate events including fundraisers, conferences and trade shows. I know how to reach a consensus when working with committees and I know how to make myself be heard and understood. Faculty Councilor is a serious position that requires serious dedication, vote for me and I will ensure your interests

as students are always protected.

Comme "Faculty Councilor" je serai aussi un membre du LSA. Dans cette capacité vous verrez mon côté "fun". J'ai plein des idées dynamique et intéressante plus rendre nos années ici a McGill plus "intéressante" et plein des contacts dans l'industrie marketing événementiel créatif (les hôtels, des talents du cirque et des autres organisateurs d'événement).

So vote for Robert, serious when it counts.

No picture submitted

Craig Rosario

Aamna: So you're telling me that you want to be a Faculty Councilor again?

Craig: Yes, ma'am. I had a good experience as a Faculty Councilor last year and I'd like the opportunity to continue representing students this year.

Aamna: But friend, what about all those meetings you have to attend? Aren't they more boring than a sober bankruptcy lawyer at KoffeeHaus?

Craig: Yeah, sometimes, especially those LSA meetings. Law students like

to talk a lot. But you know that Feiner guy runs a tight ship. Things might be a bit more concise this year.

Aamna: Now weren't you on some Faculty Council Committee last year?

Craig: That's right. The Strategic Planning Committee. We prepared a report on the financial and professor recruitment challenges facing the Faculty.

Aamna: Well, good luck in the election. You know you've got my vote.

Candidates for First Year Class President



Erin Easingwood

Seeing as I will not be getting A's, as we have all been informed by every single upper year student, I thought it would be best to devote my time to something more worthwhile, like being one of your First Year Class Presidents! Je ne vais pas vous faire de fausse promesse, mais je vous assure que je suis une fille avec un grand coeur, une grande imagination, and more energy and enthusiasm than I

know what to do with! My partner in crime, Will Paterson, and I will be available to listen to you at all times, and would be honoured to be the voice of your ideas and concerns to the LSA and Law School as a whole. Now, as we have all been told over and over, balance is the key to surviving law school. Que le fun commence!!! Vote on the 25th and 26th!

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Karina Kessarlis

What does a Class President do for you? She gives you a voice. She listens to your concerns and comments and brings them forward at the LSA meeting. She is the channel that empowers you to make changes. She also organizes activities for your year to get to know each other better so you can maximise your experience at McGill. This is what I propose to do for you. Lors d'études antérieures je fus représentante des étudiants; en cette

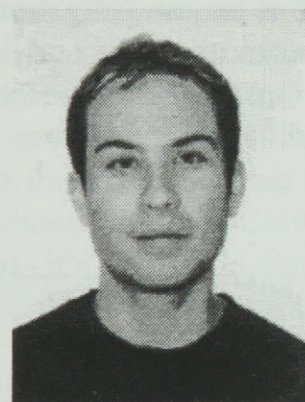
qualité, je participais à l'amélioration de la vie étudiante. Pour vous je propose d'organiser des party, Coffee House pour première année; également des excursions de plein air, pour sortir de nos livres; et, finalement, des projets de bénévolat (il y a une longue tradition à McGill d'aider le Old Brewery Mission).

Si vous voulez une représentante dynamique et sérieuse voter pour Karina!

No picture submitted

No pensketch submitted

Paul Hesse



Will Paterson

Hey - I'm Will Paterson. Erin et moi voulons être vos présidents de classe. First, I thought I would tell you a little about myself. I'm 5'9, 160lbs, I have brown hair and blue eyes. I'm a Capricorn and I enjoy long walks along the beach. I also love animals. Last year, I was Class President for the Graduate School at the London School of Economics. In 2001, I was Chair of the Student Senator Caucus at York University. In addition, I was a Director on the York Federation of Students.

Qu'est-ce que vous devriez attendre de nous? Une équipe dynamique qui va vous faire vivre une année inoubliable. We are planning an exciting charity coffee house, sports events, dinners and community involvement. And, most importantly, we're enthusiastic, approachable, friendly and available at all times to listen and address your concerns. If you have any questions, please contact me at will.paterson@mail.mcgill.ca



Andrew Tischler

Hello, bonjour, my name is Andrew Tischler and I want to serve as your first year class president. As president I would work hard to make our first year experience the best one possible, voice our needs to the Law Students' Association Council and keep you abreast of important faculty issues that affect us.

While serving as president of the SSMU during my undergrad, I worked with the LSA and many other committees where I gained valuable experience in promoting and protecting the inter-

ests of my constituency.

Other experiences that helped keep student politics in perspective have come primarily from running my own candy store and travelling abroad.

Comme président, je m'engagerais à représenter les besoins de tous les étudiants en première année, à écouter les demandes de notre communauté diverse et à promouvoir le succès continue de notre classe extraordinaire.

Vote Andrew Tischler for Class President.

(Untitled)

By Michael Hazan, Law I

The posters are up, you have heard the speeches and now it is time to vote. Wait a minute ... did I miss something? Who are the people running for positions? Oh yeah, you know them because a) you saw their picture on a campaign poster, b) heard someone in the hall badmouthing their slogan or c) you spoke to them briefly at coffee house in an inebriated state and found out where they were born. If none of the above actually occurred, you may have listened to their 36-word speech before your Civil Law Property class. What I'm saying is, for the first time before an election, I am terribly lacking information.

Let's start with what I do know: the positions available are Faculty Councilors and President for first, third and fourth year students. Does any first year student know what these positions entail? Do their responsibilities include event-planning, corsage- making for

graduation, taking the professors on a magic bus tour? Frankly, I have no idea. Between e-mail passwords, lockers, intramurals and the library, I am super-saturated with information that is peripheral to my actual studies. Three weeks into law school, how are we supposed to decide who shall lead us up Peel Street for the entire year? At least in Canadian politics, the drama of the next election lasts between four and five years and you know what is important to you when it comes time to mark that X on the ballot. You know the parties, you know your riding and you definitely know the leaders, although sometimes you wish you didn't. I know why Jean Chretien gets my vote every election. The man has not only been in the House of Commons for over 40 years, but this wily veteran has the guts to tackle Kyoto and his backstabbing ex-finance minister at the same time. More importantly, I fondly

remember when he fought back against that protester and earned himself the nickname the 'Shawinigan Strangler', to the delight of his political opponents. As far as I know, none of these candidates have intimidating nicknames or fluorescent spandex wrestling outfits. Come to think of it, I don't even know their last names! Now it is time to ask the tough questions to your future Presidents and Faculty Councilors. I know the campaign period is short, but you may be able to ask them their future plans, whether or not they have ever held a Communist membership card or if they prefer Burger King to Subway. As for me, I hope to gather as much information as possible on these candidates to make an informed choice, because one thing is certain: no one is going to do it for me. So get out, get informed, rock the vote and let me know who has the best hair: because that's who I'm voting for!

EXCLUSIVE

Coffee House Blues

Blakes Coffee House Degenerates into all-out Flirtfest

Last Thursday's Coffee House took a lascivious turn when dozens of students started shamelessly flirting with each other. In the past, the law school's weekly social has been a place for students, faculty and firm representatives to have a couple of drinks and unwind at the end of the week. From all appearances the Blakes Coffee House wouldn't be any different. The afternoon began innocently enough, a few

smiles, some eye contact but it wasn't long before things progressed to coy looks, hair flicking, unnecessary touching and sexual innuendo. Event organizers tried to contain the flirtation, but with so many fervent participants, they were forced to sit back and let nature run its course.

First year students, eager to hook up before all the "good ones" are gone, were particularly willing to indulge in flirtation. Stacy Boudreau, a single first year student and flirtfest participant

told the Quid that she "hopes to find cute boy friend" and is willing to feign interest in guy's stories and laugh at dumb jokes, if necessary.

Matt Huntington, Law II was also feeling the pressure. He explained "guys have it a little bit easier because the program is sixty percent female, but basically, if you don't get something on the go by late October or early November, you're looking a long, cold, lonely winter".

McGill Law: A Training Ground for Elites

By Finn Makela

A high tolerance for bullshit indeed! Last week's Quid Novi admirably illustrated its discursive role in the faculty - though it is somewhat unusual for the standard ideological subtext to be so boldly displayed. I have no illusions that this doesn't represent the dominant Geist of students attending McGill law, but I think it nevertheless merits a modicum of critical attention. Hopefully some new readers will be relieved to know that the majority view of law school is not (yet) the unanimous one.

There is actually not much to be said about the cover, depicting students from "rival" schools UdeM and UofT. The message is quite clear: "welcome to McGill - you are now a member of the elite." The UdeM student nicely demonstrates that despite its "progressive" policy of official bilingualism, McGill has not ventured too far from its roots as a colonial anglo institution. It is just inconceivable that someone should choose to go to Université de Montréal - it's the second-choice institution for the dumb French kids. On the other hand, when smug superiority is turned towards us (rather than emanating from us) as in the case of the UofT student, the best way to counter it is to discredit the speaker. So UofT students get painted with a brush that should be reserved for its retrograde administration. Though the infantile "we're better than them" message is obvious and easily dismissed, the sad fact is that the groundwork is being laid for future attitudes. Competition between schools will soon be replaced by competition between firms, and you will be encouraged to buy into the same kind of knee-jerk chauvinism there too. "How to Survive McGill Law with Sanity Intact" was a more subtle - and in my view therefore more pernicious - piece of ideological tripe. Allow me to suggest a synopsis that would have

been more appropriate than what actually appeared under the heading "things to take away from this article":

1. Don't learn: The point of law school is not to try to understand social phenomena or to become proficient in a set of analytic tools. You are here to compete with a bunch of other future elites for the most lucrative and prestigious positions in the corporate hierarchy. Learning has nothing to do with this.

2. Don't read: Reading is not a way to gain information or understand perspectives. Reading is an inconvenience you must suffer in order to arrive efficiently at the end-goal: good grades. Do as little as possible.

3. Don't think: Thinking will no doubt put you in a position where you will disagree with a professor at some point. The key to law school is to please profs so they will give you good grades. Besides, this is good practice - you will soon be called on to agree unconditionally with your boss at the firm.

4. Don't be interested: Only an idiot would take a course because she/he finds the subject material interesting. Find out what past averages were and then choose your courses on strictly strategic grounds. Being a lawyer is about strategy, so start now and keep your eye on the prize (it's grades now, but it will soon be a BMW).

The detailed step-by-step instructions on how to be a "good" law student are, of course, backed up by the humble claim that the author's method consistently gets her "above average" grades. Good for her. Unfortunately she doesn't have the critical distance to realise that what makes her a really good law student is that she has completely internalised the dominant ideological position of the faculty. You can learn good study habits anywhere, but it takes law school to turn you into a competitive grade-grubber more interested in

coming out on the top of the pile than learning or doing anything useful. I wish Ms. Juzwiak a fruitful career in mergers & acquisitions.

I have some alternative advice - as it turns out it has worked well for me, but your mileage may vary:

1. Learn: Try and figure out what your professor is talking about. Discuss it with the prof. Discuss it with your colleagues. Think about it in the shower. Whatever.

2. Read: I read everything I was assigned last year and pretty well all of the recommended reading too. (And whatever else you've been told, this is doable. I am a mere mortal, yet I still managed to do this and had plenty of time for non-law school life). Ms. Juzwiak is right on one count: things get a lot more complicated when you scratch the surface instead of just memorizing the ratio of a case for future use in an exam. Things also get a lot more interesting. A further upside is that the more you read this stuff, the better a grip you get on how legal reasoning works in general.

3. Think: Don't let the fact that legal reasoning is often based on authority dissuade you from challenging it. Disagree with your profs, be sceptical of your readings, argue with your colleagues. As it turns out, the law is not a 9th grade algebra problem: there is room for interpretation and disagreement.

4. Get interested: Choose your courses based on what professors you like, or challenge you, or you have heard good things about. Take courses in things that interest you, or that you would like to learn more about. Don't worry about what your grades will be, worry about how much you will learn.

Obviously I have a somewhat different vision of education than what was on display in last week's Quid. There is no reason that law school should be

a training ground and diploma mill that churns out narrow-minded jurocrats. I think it can be an intellectually rewarding experience that broadens and deepens our understanding of some serious questions on the structure of normative authority. Just because I don't take a flat-footed instrumentalist position, however, does not mean I think law school should not prepare you for work (not necessarily wage-labour). But I don't think I'm being naïve in believing that education is better preparation for work than training is.

In keeping with the "training" model of law school, we were also subjected to extended blathering on bar school. By now, I'm sure you can guess my position on most of the drivel that showed up in these articles, but allow me to indulge in one comment: We are invited by Mr. Auerback to "trust me" that Law Games is "an experience like no other," and enjoined to "make the trip" up to Laval this year to participate. In terms of ideological function, Law Games is up there with the Quid. What you ought to know is that Law Games is an excuse for grown adults to indulge in juvenile binge-drinking and childish competition with "rivals" in order to establish the old-boys network that will dominate their professional relations in the upcoming years. You will participate in such wholesome sports as "hotel-trashing" and other forms of entertainment commonly associated with Young Liberal conventions.

I'm sure future editions of the Quid will continue to reflect the dominant ideology of McGill Law (with of course, the occasional dissenter like me: perfect for reinforcing the "openness" and "acceptance" that functions as window dressing). I invite you to do some critical reflection on this and other manifestations of the basic dogmas of law school: Compete. Win. Dress well. Oh... and just wait until Skit Night... that's when all the stops really get pulled.

Une année de droit à Paris II, Panthéon-Assas

Par Clara Chapdelaine Feliciati, Law IV

Notre faculté offre à ses étudiants/es la chance d'aller étudier pendant un an à l'étranger, dont à Paris dans la « prestigieuse » faculté de droit de Panthéon-Assas. En plein coeur de Paris, à deux pas du Jardin du Luxembourg, cette faculté conservatrice accueille aussi une foule d'étudiants venant du monde entier. Je recommande fortement ce type d'échange à tous ceux/celles qui désirent connaître le droit civil français et le droit européen avec une approche pédagogique autre que celle de McGill. Un des principaux attraits du programme de maîtrise de Paris II est l'éventail de cours offerts en droit européen, alias droit communautaire. L'étude de la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme ainsi que du fonctionnement de la Cour de Strasbourg et du Conseil de l'Europe est donnée par le professeur Cohen-Jonathan, une sommité dans le domaine. Pour ce qui est du droit social européen et international, il est enseigné par le Doyen de la faculté, le professeur Teyssié, qui étudie la libre circulation des salariés dans l'Union européenne ainsi que les normes sociales exigées pour l'établissement des entreprises multinationales. Cet enseignement est d'autant plus intéressant que notre formation transsystémique nous prépare aux difficultés rencontrées lors de l'harmonisation des législations européennes dans le cadre de l'Union européenne. On voit par exemple l'influence de la common law sur la CEDH avec le poids alloué à la jurisprudence. D'autre part, le droit français est étudié à la lumière des nombreuses directives européennes qui le façonnent de plus en plus. On n'a qu'à penser aux droits des chasseurs traditionnellement inattaquables en France et qui doivent désormais respecter les dates d'ouverture-fermeture de chasse

imposées par une directive. Il nous est même possible d'assister aux débats publics du Conseil d'État, comme j'ai eu l'occasion de le faire pour ce problème en droit environnemental.

Sur le plan pédagogique, vous aurez droit à des cours magistraux et des classes pouvant aller jusqu'à 1000 élèves. Quand ces derniers respectent peu le professeur, ils le sifflent [imaginez 50 élèves siffler dans un amphithéâtre], du jamais vu à McGill ! De plus, le droit en France est un système qui exige énormément de « par cœur », ainsi les examens sont à « livres fermés ». Soyez prêts à réciter la Convention européenne des droits de l'homme et les dates précises des lois, par exemple : Loi du 12 juillet 1974. En outre, lorsqu'un professeur vous fait passer un examen oral, son but est de déstabiliser l'élève afin de voir s'il pourra plus tard se débrouiller en entrevue et dans la vie professionnelle. Dès qu'il s'aperçoit que vous maîtrisez bien une partie de la matière, il vous interroge sur autre chose jusqu'à ce qu'il trouve une faille. Le cas échéant, restez calme. Avant de vous décourager, attendez d'avoir votre résultat, parfois les profs les plus agressifs sont ceux qui vous donnent les meilleures notes.

Située au carrefour de plusieurs villes-clés en droit, Paris est à trois heures de Strasbourg, de Bruxelles et du Luxembourg, et à six heures de La Haye. Sur simple présentation du passeport, il est possible d'assister aux audiences des Cours en question, notamment à celles du tribunal pénal international de La Haye. J'ai pu ainsi suivre le procès d'un Croate accusé de crimes contre l'humanité et voir son déroulement. Évidemment, un an à Paris c'est aussi les nombreuses « extra-curricular » activités : films kirghizes, afghans, israéliens et chinois pour la plupart introuvables à Montréal, 1001 musées et expositions, théâtres, opéras à

Bastille ou au Palais Garnier, et surtout la possibilité de rencontrer des étudiants du monde entier et de diverses disciplines grâce à la formule des résidences et des restos étudiants. N'oubliez pas qu'en France le statut d'étudiant vous permet de bénéficier de réductions aux activités culturelles ainsi que pour les repas (Restos U), les transports (métro/bus/train/avion) et le logement (allocation-logement) quelle que soit votre nationalité. Par ailleurs, McGill donne une bourse de 3000 \$ à ceux qui partent pour un an (2000 \$ pour une session), le Ministère de

l'Éducation du Québec (MEQ) offre aussi un appui financier aux étudiants de 1er cycle qui vont étudier en France dans le cadre d'un échange interuniversitaire et enfin l'Office franco-québécois pour la jeunesse (OFQJ) fournit le billet d'avion, le visa français, l'accueil et une première nuit à Paris pour environ 350 \$.

Il faut compter deux mois pour régler tous les aspects administratifs de l'installation (inscription à l'Université et choix de cours, carte de séjour, carte de transports « Imagine R », allocation-

logement, ouverture de compte en banque) et pour saisir le fonctionnement du système universitaire (un conseil : étudier dès le début, on octobre, même s'il n'y a aucune directive des profs), on peut donc dire qu'une session est bien insuffisante pour découvrir et apprécier la vie parisienne. Alors tant qu'à partir, partez un an...

Micturating into the Prevailing Breeze

Ronald Coase, Nobel Laureate

By Daniel Moure, Law II

Neoclassical economics has a remarkable ability to find the correct answers to the correct questions. Early on, neoclassical economists managed to prove to their satisfaction that the market, in which individual actors haggle and bargain and are merry after their fashion, is the most efficient mechanism for allocating scarce resources. In 1937, Ronald Coase, a neoclassical economist, dared to ask an odd question: if the price mechanism is so efficient, why do firms exist? Though his question was somewhat risky, his answer proved to be of significant ideological value and he was later rewarded with a "Nobel" prize in economics.¹

Basing his theory on Alfred Marshall's theory of marginalism, Coase points out that the price mechanism does not operate within a firm, where conscious economic planning is the norm. After all, a manager is not required to negotiate a contract with an underling every time she wishes to have something done: she simply commands her underling to do as she says. Though efficient, market transactions are not free, and it may sometimes be more efficient to internalize those transactions within a firm: "... the operation of a market costs something and [...], by forming an organization and allowing some authority (an 'entrepreneur') to direct the re-

sources, certain marketing costs are saved." With his theory, Coase claims that the size of a firm can be understood scientifically—a firm will internalize transactions until the cost of internalizing another transaction is equal to the cost of conducting that transaction in the market.

Coase's theory proved highly influential. The existence of these "islands of conscious power in this ocean of unconscious co-operation" ceased to be a problem for a theory based on the notion of perfect competition. A firm will be the size that it will be precisely because that is the most efficient size for it to be. If multinational corporations are somewhat large, that's because their size makes them more efficient, and power is eliminated from the equation. Since the 1970s, Coase's theory has been extended to explain the size of non-market organizations, including charitable organizations and even states.

Coase's scientific theory contains some small problems, however. (In passing, it may be noted that "market economies" have nothing to do with efficiency; I will return to this theme in a future column.) Scientific theories are supposed to be testable, but as Nitzan and Bichler point out, marginal transaction costs, like marginalist theory in

general, are unobservable and therefore unmeasurable. But, Coase may respond, his theory is based on the realistic assumption that efficiency is a normative good pursued by all rational self-maximizing actors, so his theory must be true. But if so, could it not be, as Nitzan and Bichler also point out, that command economies like the Soviet Union internalize the market system altogether because it is more efficient to do so? As a good neoclassicist, Coase would like to claim not, but he cannot refute such a claim precisely because marginal transaction costs cannot be measured.

According to Coase, advances in technology are likely to reduce transaction costs, so one would expect firms to get smaller over time. In practice, however, the opposite has occurred. As Nitzan and Bichler claim, Coase fails to distinguish between firms (corporate entities) and establishments (the places of business or the factories). Many establishments have gotten smaller over the last century, but firms have gotten larger by acquiring more establishments. So, even if marginal transaction costs were measurable, his theory would not be able to explain very much at all. Nonetheless, Coase's theory remains an integral part of the neoclassical canon, and power has been dis-

missed as a possible reason for the existence of the firm.

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by Nitzan and Bichler, to be the most important work in political economy written in the post-war era.)

1 Contrary to a common misperception, there is no such thing as a Nobel prize in economics. The five legitimate Nobel prizes-for peace, literature, physics, chemistry, and medicine-have been in existence since 1901 and were specifically mentioned by Alfred Nobel in his will. Dear Alfred did not think highly of business or economics. "There isn't a single reason why I... should be tormented by all these matters which I know as much about as the man in the moon," he once claimed. Indeed, complain four descendants of great granduncle Alfred, the Nobel prize is supposed to be awarded to in-

dividuals "who have conferred the greatest benefit on mankind," and, claims great grandnephew Peter, the "vast majority of economic prizes have gone to people who reflect the dominating western view of the world. It's doubtful whether this really is of benefit to all mankind...." The much younger bastard brother of the legitimate Nobel prizes was born in 1969 to celebrate the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Riksbank. This Young Pretender is not a legitimate Nobel prize, but a Prize in Economic Science in Memory of Alfred Nobel! To dissociate it from its legitimate half-siblings, great grandnephew Peter advocates that it be renamed the Riksbank Prize.



Law IV dinner at Casa Grecque

It's Now Easy Bein' Green: Senator's Report

By Lynne Chlala, Law II (not Law I, Law II - I'm trying to block out the pain, not revisit it!) (Editors: Sorry Lynne, our mistake- Law II, bien mérité!)

In case you haven't heard, McGill finally has an Environmental Policy! I won't give you all of the details about the loooooong, laborious process that has taken place over the past few years, but suffice it to say that this was a huge step forward in making this campus an environmentally friendly place. Even if you don't believe in "tree-hugging" (shame on you!), you should at least feel some pride in the fact that this was a student-led initiative, one that came to fruition due to overwhelming student support. In a most encouraging move, the five policy principles that Senate passed on Wednesday (stop me in the halls or email me if you want to know

what they say) are not going to be meaningless, empty promises, made by the administration in a token attempt to placate student activists. In fact, they're going to be put into action right away with the new campus-wide recycling program that will be starting up within the next few weeks.

On a final note - I just wanted to tell everyone about reason #23536 why our Dean is the coolest one at McGill. When you walk into Senate, there is a clear divide between students and faculty, at least physically. The students crowd together on the left (which is fitting, since most of us crowd together on the Left in other ways), with the

administration and the rest of the faculty taking up the center/right (no comment). The Dean, however, sits right among the students, on the far left of one of the benches, something that he has "always done". While it may not seem like much, there are times when all students get out of the administration is a perfunctory answer about a legitimate concern (such as the fact that only 20% of the 37 % hike to international student fees is actually going back to international students), so it's nice to see that there are some members of the administration who will not only "listen" to students, but who will voluntarily sit with us.

« Le fœtus, ce truc; le cadavre, cette âme »

By Rosalie-Anne T. Mandich, Law II

Ma semaine avait été particulièrement merveilleuse jusqu'à vendredi après-midi. Là, d'un seul coup de rétroprojecteur, mon monde [apparemment] chimérique a chaviré. C'est que, voyez-vous, nous étudions les « Droits de la Personne ». J'ai appris ce qu'est un fœtus, un embryon, un être humain, un ovule même, et ce, dans le vocabulaire de l'anthropologue, du sociologue, du politicien (en fait, non, mais ce serait intéressant de savoir ce que ce dernier en dirait), et bien sûr, du juriste. Je dis bien sûr parce que nous sommes dans une faculté de droit. Evidemment. Mais ce que je n'avais encore pas véritablement saisi jusqu'à présent, c'est qu'en réalité, seul le droit compte dans notre société, dans la vie en fin de compte. Absolument : allez contredire un biologiste, un sociologue ou un historien, personne ne vous en tiendra rigueur. Osez contredire le juge, la loi, le Droit, aïe aïe aïe...

Toujours est-il que j'ai été extrêmement déçue d'apprendre qu'une femme enceinte n'a pas à prendre soin de son « futur enfant ». Ce n'est qu'un zigote, éventuellement embryon, au plus un fœtus. Attention. Ce n'est surtout pas un être humain. Bon d'accord, je le reconnais. Mais j'ose dire que ce le sera un jour, patientez 9 mois, vous verrez. Quelle prétention! Eh non, tant que fœtus ne sera pas sorti « du sein de sa mère », il ne sera pas bébé, il n'aura aucun droit, il n'existe pas en fait, si ce n'est (et encore) qu'au titre de ...bien, peut-être même juste de chose. Oui, nous avons été, à un moment donné dans notre vie biologique (juridique?) un bien et c'est ce que nous redeviendrons. Entre les deux, c'est le moment de Gloire, celui où nous sommes « être humain ». Une personne! Ayant des Droits! (Et des obligations)! Ah! Que la vie est bien faite!

Maman est une personne (au sens de la loi, toujours), elle a donc des droits, et surtout, des droits

fondamentaux. Cela veut dire qu'on ne peut pas les lui retirer, jamais, sous aucune condition, à part, bien sûr, celles prévues par la loi. Si maman veut boire, elle peut boire. Si maman se drogue, elle peut bien faire ce qu'elle veut. Si maman fait du bungee jumping, n'en n'a pas d problème. Parce qu'elle a tous les droits du monde de faire ce qui lui plaît, tant qu'elle ne nuit pas à autrui. Et embryon ou fœtus alors? Ce n'est pas une Personne, donc pas de droits. Aucune protection. Ce qui veut dire que maman peut exercer pleinement ses droits simplement parce qu'elle est une personne mais que ce « truc » qui sera bientôt bientôt une petite personne n'est encore pour le moment rien et n'a donc rien. Même si il a en principe toutes les chances du monde de naître viable. Même si, dans la téléologie des choses, ce sera bel et bien un jour une Personne, titulaire de droits (et d'obligations), un être humain. Mais non, impossible de retirer à maman ses droits fondamentaux.

Mais pourquoi? Premièrement parce qu'ils sont fondamentaux! C'est le minimum que l'on puisse garantir à une Personne, on ne va pas quand même aller le lui retirer! Mais alors pourquoi est-ce qu'on ne peut pas, de la même façon, garantir un minimum à ce « truc » qui est voué à être une Personne? J'ai appris que la question ne se pose même pas : d'envisager qu'un « truc » soit un jour une Personne et que l'on ait une perception continue de la vie est inimaginable! Deuxièmement, et admirez la logique juridique implacable de cet argument, pourquoi est-ce qu'on obligerait maman à prendre certaines précautions simplement parce qu'elle porte fœtus alors que papa, lui, continuerait de bénéficier de tous ses droits, menant ainsi encore librement sa vie? Honte! Oser ébranler l'égalité entre hommes et femmes! Si on s'est battu pour obtenir cette égalité, on ne va quand même pas aussi facilement la balayer

au simple nom d'un tas de cellules qui ne constituent pas même un « être humain »! (Je réponds à ceux qui m'avancent l'argument de l'égalité entre hommes et femmes que même notre société qui prétend adopter ce noble principe ne fait qu'y aspirer prétentieusement car elle ne l'applique que de manière sélective. Enfin passons, voilà le sujet d'un autre débat). Je vous assure que le jour où papa pourra porter un enfant (j'entends déjà les messieurs se récrier, et avec raison : demandez à Schwarzenegger ce qu'il en pense-), ce sera à son tour aussi de prendre soin de la vie qu'il porte en lui. Ceci dit, je ne pense pas que ce soit souhaitable, loin de là, car ce n'est pas ce que la Nature semble avoir prévu et, [malheureusement], toutes les lois du monde ne pourrons jamais être plus fortes que la Dame Nature.

Si j'ai bien compris, on ne veut pas limiter les droits ni de papa ni de maman : on limite donc ceux de fœtus (Personne dans un instant, rien pour le moment). Eh oui, c'est bien plus simple, tous les problèmes ont disparus : pas d'inégalité, aucun droits brimés, la pleine liberté, et personne pour se plaindre. Non, aucune défense pour futur bébé, même si ce sera lui qui en portera potentiellement toutes les séquelles et que sa qualité de vie en dépend. Papi, Mamie, personne ne peut se récrier ni protéger les droits de cette future personne. Tout simplement parce qu'il n'y a pas de droits à part ceux de papa et maman. Ah! Que la vie est bien faite!

Le système juridique est un château de cartes que l'on a fièrement érigé, créant ainsi un nouveau monde dont l'Homme est le magnanime maître. Tout ne dépend plus que de lui, jusqu'à la Vie. Un être humain n'appartient désormais plus au règne animal mais bien au règne juridique.

Je suis sortie de ce cours en état d'ébullition mentale. Il me semble que, surtout de nos jours, on fait le choix

d'avoir un enfant, à moins d'une erreur de la nature, d'avoir été violé ou encore d'être la Vierge Marie. Que l'on assume ce choix ne me semble pas trop demander de la race humaine. Je prétends qu'avec ce droit d'avoir des enfants vient une obligation, celle d'en prendre soin. Les parents bénéficient d'une présomption à l'égard de leurs enfants : pourtant, pourquoi en bénéficieraient-ils si avant que l'enfant ne soit réellement palpable, visible par tous et concret, alors qu'il n'était encore qu'en train de se former, ils n'ont su faire ce qui était en son meilleur intérêt? Contrairement à ce que le droit semble impliquer, l'enfant ne tombe pas du ciel au vol d'une cigogne; de même, l'obligation de prendre soin ne devrait pas coïncider avec l'arrivée au monde (juridique) de bébé.

Je me suis aussi rendu compte que l'avortement n'avait rien d'un débat juridique : s'il y a des restrictions quand au délais pour se faire avorter, c'est bel et bien car cela représente un risque à la santé de maman, pas parce qu'on s'inquiète du statut de fœtus. Autrement dit, si je voulais, je pourrais me faire avorter la veille de l'accouchement? C'est mon droit, à ce qu'il paraît, mais comme on s'inquiète pour ma santé, ce n'est pas vraiment recommandé. Désolé.

Je repense aussi à notre cours de Droit des Biens de l'an dernier et je me souviens de Prof. Kasirer qui nous disait que les animaux ne sont que des biens. Pourtant, à la différence du bien-

fœtus, ils ont des droits protégés dans rien de moins que le Code Criminel des animaux : pour éviter la cruauté envers les animaux. Eh quoi! Le fœtus alors, qui subit la tyrannie de maman qui exerce pleinement ses droits fondamentaux, devra porter pour toute sa vie d'être humain les séquelles? Je vous demande où se trouve la cruauté?

Il n'y a donc rien qui m'empêche de faire quelques expériences : faire un cocktail boisson/drogues/bungee-jumping et tout ce qui pourrait sérieusement nuire à la santé de fœtus et voir, à son arrivée au monde, quel résultat cela donne. Pour mon bon plaisir. Parce que j'exerce mes droits et que j'en ai le droit. Vous me direz que j'exagère. Non. Heureusement, pas toutes les mamans exercent pleinement leurs droits, peut-être parce qu'elles, au moins, ont compris qu'il s'agissait d'une vie humaine fragile. Pourtant, il arrive qu'il y ait des mamans qui elles, profitent pleinement de leurs droits, détruisant ainsi une vie. Et on n'y peut rien parce qu'on a décidé de rien faire, pas parce qu'on n'en a pas les moyens. Vous me direz que la mère a à vivre avec les conséquences de ses actes et qu'elle doit s'occuper de cet enfant une fois qu'il est au monde. Pas toujours, je vous réponds. Elle peut le mettre en adoption; peut-être qu'il ne survivra pas. Au pire, on dira qu'elle est indigne et est déchue de son autorité parentale. Et hop-là, problème est refile à quelqu'un d'autre!

La loi interdit de faire un cocktail de gamètes chimpanzé-humain (exemple mentionné en classe). Moralement répréhensible, éthique douteuse. Donc on légifère contre. Pourtant, il paraîtrait que le droit ne veut pas reconnaître le fœtus comme [ne serait-ce qu'] une forme de vie humaine. Ce serait faire de l'éthique, ce que le droit ne fait pas, d'après la réponse que l'on m'a donnée. Je n'ai pas encore saisi la cohérence de cette logique.

Enfin, il me semble que, somme toute, notre société témoigne plus de respect envers ses morts que ses futurs-plus-ou-moins-déjà-présents membres. (Voyez l'ambiguïté de l'expression : le fœtus existe bel et bien dans la réalité, mais pas dans celle du droit). Une vie biologique, bientôt humaine, en valerait-elle moins qu'un être humain mort, un cadavre? L'un a une vie devant soi, l'autre le repos de l'âme. Pourtant, le mort a plus de considération juridique, ne serait-ce que si l'on pense à toutes les dispositions mises en place quant au règlement de la succession et du testament. Peut-être parce qu'il y a des conséquences directes sur des personnes humaines vivantes, sujets de droit.

Je constate ma volubilité. Et dire que je pourrais encore continuer longtemps...Pourtant, c'est le droit qui aura raison de tout ce que je pourrai bien penser spontanément. J'en conclus donc que je suis au bon endroit pour m'érudire.

Hearsay Victorious

By Hilary Stedwill, Law III

McGill Law's intramural ultimate team, Hearsay, saw action Saturday, September 14 on lower field and emerged victorious in a 7 - 4 contest over Manaba 69. Team Captain Hilary Stedwill had this to say after the game: "Oi. My legs

hurt."

Clearly, he should have stretched more before playing. Nevertheless, David Lametti, the team's principal handler launched discs left right and centre to wingers Kathleen and Ami. First time players Erin and Nawel

caught and connected for many infield plays and a couple points. Lyndsey and Colleen were also a force to be reckoned with over the middle.

The team's next contest is Sunday, September 22nd at 10:30 on lower field.

Things are Brewin' at the Old Brewery Mission!

By Mike Arnot

Law students are a great bunch. Since the inception in 1899 of the Old Brewery Mission, a homeless shelter for men in Montreal, our faculty has volunteered at the Mission almost every year. The mission got its name because it began as a soup kitchen at an old brewing house in Montreal. It is located near the Vieux Port de Montreal.

The law school is a great financial supporter of the mission through Skit Nite, which raises significant dollars for various Montreal community groups. The Old Brewery Mission is almost entirely funded by private donation such as skit nite; the Government of Quebec gives only 1/6th of the budget of the mission, which is the second largest homeless shelter in Canada. The mission provided 180,000 nights of lodging and

360,000 free meals in 1998. The clients of the mission (as they are called) suffer from personal misfortune and particular predispositions, such as addiction or mental illness.

Some years, we have let our volunteering tradition slide, but I am hoping to put an end to that. Last year, as Co-Class President of the Second Year Class, I tried to shepherd law students to volunteer once per month at the mission. It is not a significant time commitment, and the rewards are great. This involves serving food for two hours, but also gaining an understanding of poverty and homelessness issues. Reverend Robert J. Warren, Executive Director of the mission gives a tour of the facilities as well as discussing some of the facts and figures concerning homelessness in Montreal.

In order to make volunteering a more formal monthly event, I have tried to create a club at the law school - uncreatively named the "Volunteer Action Group". Membership will be free, and will cover the

cost of transportation to and from the law school to the mission. If things really pick-up, I am interested in expanding to other shelters in Montreal.

Please send me a note if you are interested in helping out with the club, or interested in volunteering...it only takes 8 people per visit to make it successful. We are always looking for new volunteers, as well as food donations, and simply helping out once is a help to the mission. Call me should you have any questions at 514.522.1480 or mikearnot@canada.com.

It's a great way to get involved!



Blakes Coffee House

The Quid Needs You!

The Quid is currently looking to fill the following positions:

1) Layout Editor

The Layout Editor is in charge (who would have thought?) of the layout of the Quid. He/She will work three to six hours every other week. The ideal candidate:

- Either knows how to use PageMaker or is prepared to learn to use PageMaker;
- Either knows how to use image software or is prepared to learn to use image software.

2) Web Editor

The Web Editor is in charge of creating and maintaining a web site for the Quid (now that's another surprise). He/She is prepared to work three hours a week. The ideal candidate:

- Is familiar with basic web editing;
- Knows or is willing to teach him/herself to use Secure Shell, the secure FTP program used by the Faculty of Law Network.

Please write a letter of interest to quid.law@mcgill.ca as soon as possible... we need your help.

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Sign-up day for all the Faculty clubs

Wednesday September 25

11am – 3pm

In the Atrium

Come check out what McGill Law has to offer, above and beyond that “school” thing....

The CPO NEWSLETTER, September 20, 2002

Hello everyone,

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- 1) U.S. and TORONTO OCIs - IMPORTANT!

Here are a few very important points:

-Make sure you left your coordinates with me in case I need to reach you. Get an answering machine if you do not have one. Employers or myself might want to leave you important messages. Check your e-mail over the week-end and early next week for important notifications.

-Make sure to get the proper transcripts from James Administration building if you did not so already. You need to forward them to the firms as soon as possible.

-STIKEMAN ELLIOTT: Certains d'entre vous auront reçu une lettre du cabinet leur mentionnant le fait qu'ils doivent leur faire parvenir TOUS leurs relevés de notes officiels. J'ai parlé à C. Courtney qui a bien compris les préoccupations que vous aviez à cet effet. Le cabinet souhaite obtenir les relevés de notes officiels des étudiants qui seront convoqués en seconde entrevue au mois de novembre. Vous aurez donc le temps entre le 7 octobre (affichage des listes au CPO - 10 heures) et le 4 novembre de commander les relevés de notes auprès des institutions

concernées. En passant, je crois que d'autres cabinets vous feront cette demande !

-COUDERT : Emily Roth replaced Susan Buraczewski. Same phone number.

-PAUL, WEISS: Cancelled one interview room.

- BÉNÉVOLES : J'aurai besoin de bénévoles pour le Toronto OCI, jeudi le 17 octobre au Centre de Conférence Mont-Royal (sur Sherbrooke près de Peel). Ceux qui pensent faire le recrutement l'an prochain trouveront sûrement l'expérience intéressante. Donnez-moi vos disponibilités ! Merci à l'avance.

2) SUMMER POSITIONS

- 2003 SUMMER POSITIONS WITH THE CROWN LAW OFFICE - CRIMINAL

The Crown Law Office - Criminal will be hiring second year summer students for the summer of 2003, in accordance with the Law Society of Upper Canada's Procedures Governing the Recruitment of Students for Summer 2002 Positions in the City of Toronto. The Crown Law Office - Criminal will not be participating in on campus interviews, but will be conducting all interviews on November 4 through 6, 2002.

Lawyers in the Office have responsibility on behalf of the Crown for the preparation and argument of all appeals arising from prosecutions by indictment in Ontario under the Criminal Code. These appeals are argued before the Court of Appeal for Ontario in Toronto and before the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa. Well over half of the Office's work is devoted to criminal appeals. The Crown Law Office-Criminal is the country's largest and busiest appellate office.

The other principal responsibility of the Office is the conduct of certain prosecutions which, within the Ministry, are termed "special prosecutions". These cases fall into two general categories: i) complex commercial crime and ii) prosecutions of persons who are involved in the administration of justice. This second category includes prosecutions in which charges have been laid by the Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.)

The Office also provides a series of specialized legal services to Crown Attorneys and police agencies throughout Ontario. These services cover a wide range of areas, including, for example: prerogative remedies, search warrants, wiretaps, extraditions, and applications to obtain evidence abroad. More generally, lawyers here provide advice and opinions on legal issues in difficult cases, as the need arises. From time to time, the office also provides assistance to foreign jurisdictions for the gathering of evidence within Ontario, pursuant to the Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Act.

The Office is further responsible for the Ministry's development of policy in the field of criminal law. Such policy work may serve, for example, as the basis for Ontario's submissions to joint federal-provincial committees dealing with revisions to the Criminal Code.

For more information about the Crown Law Office, visit their website at: www.attorneygeneral.jus.gov.on.ca/html/CLOC/overview.htm

The deadline for submission of applications at the Crown Law Office - Criminal is Friday, October 11, 2002.

Please send your application (with a cover letter, resume, and copies of your undergraduate and law school transcripts, as well as a list of your

second year courses) to:

Howard Leibovich
Summer Program Coordinator
Crown Law Office - Criminal
720 Bay Street, 10th floor
Toronto, ON
M5G 2K1

- Siskinds is a full service firm of 60 plus lawyers practicing in London, ON. They have 2 positions available for summer students for 2003. They are currently accepting applications with their deadline for application being Oct. 15, 2002. They will be interviewing students on Oct. 28 & 29, 2002.

Contact: Deborah Pepers
Tel: (519) 672-2251 ext. 292
Fax: (519) 672-6065
680 Waterloo Street
London, ON N6A 3V8
Web: www.siskinds.com

-Smart & Biggar, Ottawa is looking for summer students. The program is for first and second year students. The firm encourages students that have an interest in intellectual property to apply. The generally look to students with technical backgrounds in engineering or the physical or natural sciences (but not exclusively). Send letter + CV + transcripts.

Deadline: October 15, 2002
Contact: Steven B. Garland
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3) PART-TIME WORK

-Ravinsky Ryan is looking for a law student who has completed her/his second year who is interested in part-time work throughout the academic year - a minimum of 1 day per week. Ravinsky Ryan is a firm of 11 lawyers, specializing in tax and estate

planning, corporate and commercial law and tax litigation. The successful candidate will be assigned to their corporate/commercial department. Tasks will include research and assisting in the implementation of tax and estate planning and commercial transactions. Salary to be negotiated. Interested students should forward their curriculum vita and transcript of grades to:

Ravinsky Ryan
Place du Canada
1010 de la Gauchetiere West, Suite 1200
Montreal, Quebec,
H3B 2P9
Attention: Maitre Rosalie Nisen Burstein

- BARSALOU LAWSON, AVOCATS | BARRISTERS & SOLICITORS

Barsalou Lawson is a downtown law firm specialized in tax matters with an emphasis on tax dispute resolution. We have an immediate opening for a second year law student to work on national and international tax litigation. Availability of 15 to 20 hours per week is required.

Please send your résumé and latest transcripts to Bonnie J. Gallagher at:
b.j.gallagher@barsalou.ca
Fax: (514) 982-2550

-TETLEY AVOCATS

The firm is looking for a 1st or 2nd year law student to do part-time clerical and legal work in the field of immigration. The student must have a working knowledge of English and French and be able to type forms. The hours are flexible and much of the work can be done outside of the office. They hope to find someone who is able to work 8 to 10 hours per week and are offering to pay an hourly rate of \$ 10.00.

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- ORENSTEIN & ASSOCIATES
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E-mail: jeff@orenstein.ca

4) HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNSHIP

-Plan Nagua veut vous informer des ses stages en coopération internationale Québec sans frontières. La description détaillée des programmes et des projets ainsi que les formulaires d'inscription sont disponibles sur le site web : www.plannagua.org.

Ils complètent présentement le recrutement pour 6 stages qui se répartissent ainsi : 2 stages en groupe et 4 postes de volontaires. Les thèmes des stages en groupe abordent les thèmes de 'femmes et développement' et de 'développement communautaire'. Pour leur part, les postes de volontaires sont associés au domaine du tourisme, du renforcement institutionnel, du mouvement coopératif et de l'entrepreneuriat.

Veuillez joindre une lettre de motivation et votre curriculum vitae à votre formulaire d'inscription.

Date limite: 4 octobre, 2002

Contact : Martin Cassista
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Tél. : (418) 521-2250 poste 237
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5) OTHER POSTINGS

-CN : Les Affaires juridiques fournissent des services juridiques stratégiques à la direction du CN.

Principales responsabilités : Projets ponctuels dans les domaines variés : droit des sociétés, du travail, des transports, de la concurrence, des procédures et des placements et droit immobilier et financier, plus particulièrement :

- conformité aux exigences réglementaires canadiennes et américaines, gouvernement d'entreprise et information continue;
- contrats commerciaux, y compris la rédaction de contrats de coentreprise, d'approvisionnement, d'impartition et de transactions immobilières;
- requêtes présentées à l'Office des transports du Canada et aux tribunaux d'appel;
- questions concernant l'environnement et la sécurité, y compris le transport de matières dangereuses;
- questions concernant la concurrence, y compris les acquisitions;
- questions concernant le trafic transfrontalier et les échanges commerciaux;
- négociations collectives, conventions collectives, arbitrages de griefs, législation sur l'emploi, y compris les avantages sociaux, les programmes de cessation d'emploi et les litiges connexes;
- droits de la personne et législation sur les langues officielles;
- lignes de conduite de la Compagnie sur les questions relatives à l'emploi;
- questions concernant les régimes de retraite et les prestations, y compris les programmes d'avantages sociaux du personnel ainsi que les ententes y ayant trait;
- questions concernant les indemnités d'accidents du travail;

- questions financières à l'échelle nationale et internationale, y compris les facilités de crédit, les lettres de crédit, les garanties, l'émission de titres d'emprunt publics ou privés ou d'actions, les opérations de crédit-bail et la titrisation de l'actif;
- transactions d'instruments dérivés, y compris les opérations de couverture contre les fluctuations des prix du carburant et contre les risques relatifs devises étrangères et aux taux d'intérêt.

Conditions de travail : Ce poste se situe à Montréal. La plupart des avocats travaillent environ 60 heures par semaine, en semaine. Les horaires de travail varient en fonction des environnements de travail locaux. Parce que l'exploitation se déroule jour et nuit, tous les jours, les avocats sont parfois appelés à travailler en soirée et les fins de semaine.

Cette année le CN accueillera 15 diplômés provenant de partout en Amérique du Nord.

Qualifications : Diplômé/e de premier cycle en droit qui a complété avec succès les examens du Barreau. La maîtrise en droit constitue un atout. La personne retenue sera dotée des attributs suivants :

- un sens aigu des affaires
- une expérience de travail ou des stages pertinents
- un intérêt manifeste pour le secteur du transport
- des aptitudes manifestes en leadership (comme en témoignent, par exemple, les activités parascolaires)
- la capacité d'établir un équilibre entre les résultats visés et les enjeux humains
- d'excellents résultats scolaires
- parfaite maîtrise des deux langues officielles

Veuillez soumettre votre candidature en ligne à l'adresse www.cn.ca/carrières.

-Barbara Shore & Associates, Montreal, is looking for a researcher to work for the recruitment firm. The candidate would work in hand with responsible consultants. For more information, consult the boards near the cafeteria.

Contact: Johanne Pothier
Tél.: 878-4777
E-mail : jpothier@shoreassoc.com
Web : www.shoreassoc.com

- The California Western School of Law
September 2002 Alumni Job
Bulletin is available at the CPO.

6) EAST-WEST RECRUITMENT

FYI Burnet Duchworth - Calgary has signed on.

Burnet, Duckworth & Palmer
Suite 1400
350 7th Avenue S.W.
Calgary, AB T2P 3N9
Contact Name: Ms. Teresa Johnson
8 Summer positions. Applications being accepted from first and second year students
Location: TBD

7) RECRUTEMENT SPECIAL D'AUTOMNE

VOICI UN EXTRAIT DE L'ENTENTE :

Les dispositions de la présente annexe s'appliquent uniquement aux cabinets d'avocats qui participeront au recrutement dit « spécial » à l'automne et qui sont identifiés ci-dessous :

BLAKE, CASSELS & GRAYDON
BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS;
BROUILLETTE CHARPENTIER
FORTIN;
DAVIES WARD PHILLIPS &
VINEBERG;
DESJARDINS DUCHARME STEIN
MONAST;
FASKEN MARTINEAU
DUMOULIN;
FRASER MILNER CASGRAIN;
GOWLING LAFLEUR

HENDERSON, S.R.L.;
 HEENAN BLAIKIE;
 LAPOINTE ROSENSTEIN;
 LAVERY, DE BILLY;
 MCCARTHY TÉTRAULT;
 MENDELSON;
 NICHOLL, PASKELL-MEDE;
 OGILVY RENAULT;
 OSLER, HOSKIN & HARCOURT
 ROBINSON SHEPPARD SHAPIRO;
 SMART & BIGGAR;
 STERNTHAL KATZNELSON
 MONTIGNY;
 STIKEMAN, ELLIOTT; et
 WOODS & ASSOCIÉS
 (collectivement, les « cabinets
 d'avocats participants au recrutement
 dit 'spécial' »).

1. Nonobstant les restrictions stipulées
 aux paragraphes 3(b), 3(c),
 3(d), 3(e) et 3(f) de la présente entente
 et dans le cadre d'un
 recrutement dit « spécial » à l'automne,
 et quant aux candidats décrits
 au paragraphe 3(a) de la présente en-
 tente qui sont en mesure de
 démontrer qu'ils participent au proc-
 essus d'entrevue des cabinets

d'avocats situés à l'extérieur du
 Québec, les cabinets d'avocats
 participants au recrutement dit « spécial
 » conviennent que :

- (a) aucune entrevue ne prendra place
 avant le lundi 23 septembre 2002
 (17h00);
- (b) aucune offre d'embauche ne pourra
 être formulée, directement ou
 indirectement, avant le lundi 23
 septembre 2002 (17h00);

***L'Entente sera affichée aux
 babillards cette semaine et des copies
 seront disponibles au CPO en début de
 semaine.

8) UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS!

- U.S. OCI : Sept. 25-26-30, Oct. 1 & 2
 at the OMNI Hotel.
- End of September: Deadline for ap-
 plications for summer positions with
 law firms in B.C. if you apply directly
 to the firms.
- October 2: Information session on
 Human Rights and Sustainable
 Development in collaboration with stu-

dents, Moot Court, 12:30.

-October 7: Session d'information
 organisée par des représentants du
 Conseil du Trésor afin de vous informer
 des possibilités d'emploi au
 Ministère de la Justice du Québec, Lo-
 cal 101, 12 :30.

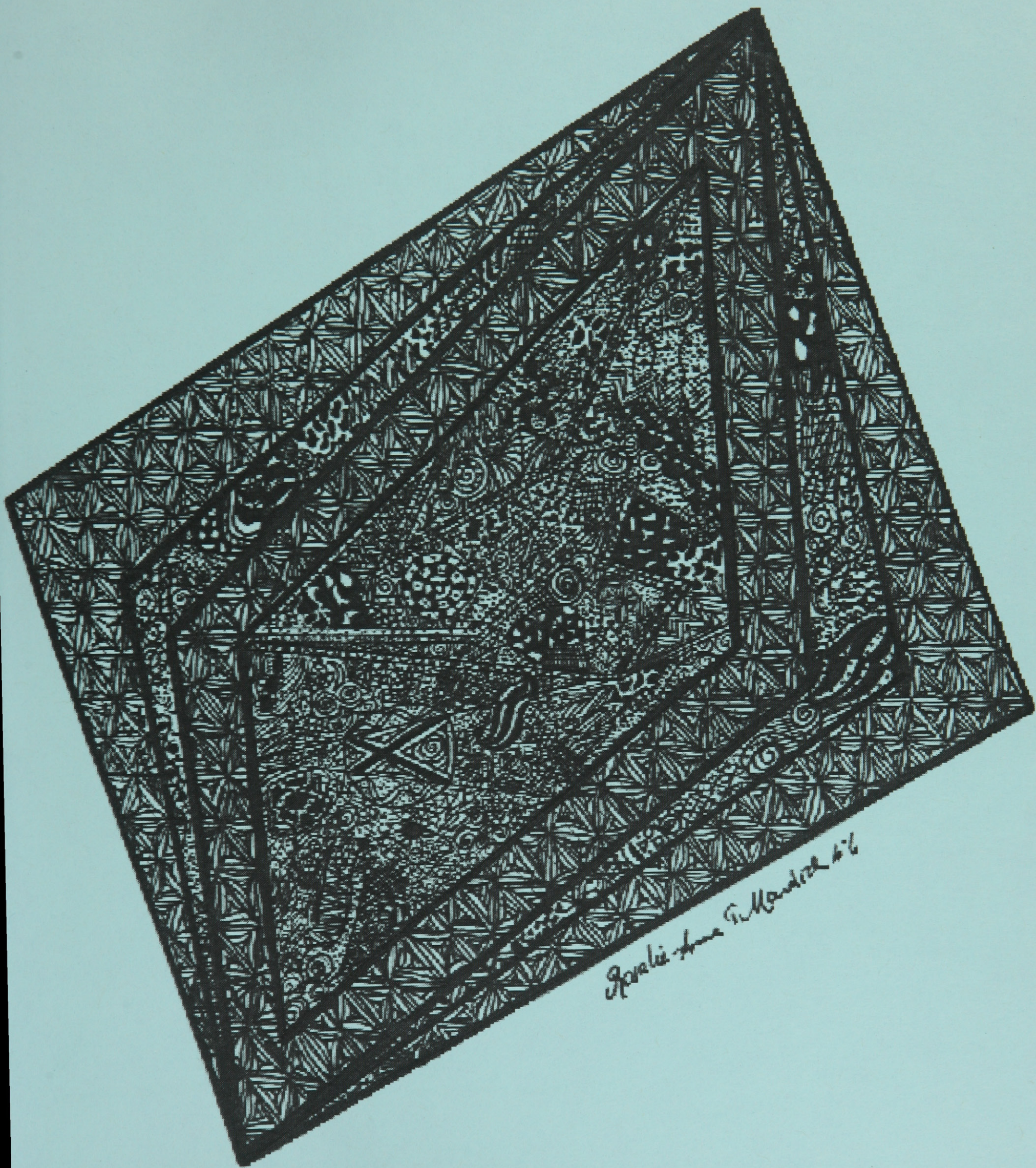
-October 7 : Toronto list of On-Cam-
 pus interviewees posted at the CPO,
 10 am.

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 Director
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